

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2014 at 5:30PM
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Corky Pentz, Benji Hart, Butch Bryan, Tom Payne, and Amy Johnson

Board members absent: Sharon Justice

Also present: Inspector Jerry Hardison, PIO Sarah Johnson, and 3 members of public

Review of October 9, 2014 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Benji. Second by Butch. All in favor, none opposed.

Consideration of Agenda

- No changes necessary.

Public Comment

- None.

Chairpersons Report

- Commissioners Meeting 11/3/2014
 - Corky reviews that the Commissioners voted to remove the travel trailer section from the ODO (*Chapter 36; Section 181, Use of Travel Trailers by permit only*)
 - Corky wants to start working with Inspector Hardison and Kris Noble to create a check list for property owners wanting to put a travel trailer on Ocracoke
 - Jerry wants to leave it alone
 - Amy says the Board can advise the County to create the checklist without the Board being involved in the drafting
 - Inspector Hardison brings up that the Board might want to look at the sections of the ODO that deal with campers as accessory structures.

New Business

- Corky will email Professor Ducker about the Board's progress with revising the ODO

Old Business

- Drones
 - Amy thinks drones have their uses, such as emergency management, but doesn't think they're appropriate in the village
 - Butch notes that drones may be fine for agricultural uses on mainland Hyde County, while at the same time they might not be okay on Ocracoke
 - The Board agrees that drones aren't pressing business right now
- Resume review of ODO

- Resume review at *Section 36-174 Issuance of certificate of occupancy*, Table of Development Standards (the chart)
 - Maximum structure height: discussion of how 35 ft. maximum is confusing when you take base flood and free board into account, but have no suggestion for change
 - Change necessary in the section under the chart with asterisks.
 - ***The primary roof of a main structure...
 - Need to delete the section of the sentence that reads “as measured from eight feet less than three feet of the building site as shown on the elevation certificate”
- *Section 36-175 Industry*
 - No changes necessary.
- *Section 36-176 Signs*
 - This is where we will resume in December
- *Section 36-183 Home occupations*
 - (g) Jerry says this rule, that the business owners must occupy commercial businesses of 400 sq. ft. or less in residential buildings is not being enforced.
 - **Motion from Jerry that Section 36-183 (g) be enforced. Tom seconds. All in favor, none opposed.**
 - Corky thinks Inspector Hardison should contact the County Attorney first.
- Benji says that if the Board wants the ODO to be enforced properly, it needs to present the Commissioners with a motion to fund a fulltime ODO officer located on Ocracoke. Or until that time, they need to give Inspector Hardison the full authority to enforce the ODO.
 - **Benji motions to request that Manager Rich to attend the next meeting to discuss funding a fulltime ODO officer. Jerry seconds. All in favor, none opposed.**

Public Comment

- Comment from Tyke that the ODO doesn't have a date on the cover, so how can you know if it is up to date?
- Tyke is frustrated that a building permit takes 10 days on Ocracoke and on the Mainland it takes only 2-3 days. The Board is unsure why building permits on Ocracoke have to be posted for 10 days.
- **Jerry motions to remove the rule in the ODO that requires Ocracoke building permits be posted for 10 days at the Post Office. Tom seconds. All in favor, none opposed.**

Next meeting set for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Ocracoke Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Butch. Second by Amy. All in favor, none opposed.